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The Editor's Word

Who reads the *Bulletin*?—Only one response has reached the Editor about the proposal to consolidate it with the *SWLA Newsletter*. Now that the impressive first issue has been distributed, all librarians will be in position to pass judgment on the proposal. Let us give serious consideration to it.

LLA members are reminded about the forthcoming SWLA convention, scheduled for Mexico City November 24-30. The fine new SWLA Newsletter, edited by our own Eugene Watson, has been mailed to the membership, and since it carries a full outline of plans this will not be repeated here.

However, librarians of this area might wish to know that definite plans are being made to charter a bus for the trip from New Orleans, with a round-trip ticket of \$50.00. Miss Ruth Renaud of the New Orleans Public Library is taking the names of people who are interested in this means of transportation. Approved places will be chosen for stopping each night.

Miss Renaud, treasurer of SWLA, reminds librarians that institutional memberships may now be paid. Dues may be mailed to her at the New Orleans Public Library.

Louisiana librarians have learned with regret of the impending departure of Mrs. Bertha Hellum who returns to California on June 26. She is to be Field Representative of the California State Library. Her place as librarian of Jefferson Parish Library will be taken by Miss Cleo Songy.

Mrs. Hellum's leaving brings to mind the many professional activities in which she has

participated during the almost three years spent in our state. She not only placed the Jefferson Parish Library on a solid foundation, but she has been one of the very active supporters of the LLA.

The board of the *Bulletin* of which she has been Business Manager this year wishes her happy traveling. We are glad to welcome Miss Elizabeth Cammack, librarian of Iberia Parish Library, who will assume the duties of the business manager with the next issue.

More and more of our colleagues are breaking into print. The latest to make the grade is Mrs. Dorothy B. Skau, who is a joint author of the impressive publication *Chemical Composition of Rice, a Literary Review*, published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry. Mrs. Skau also helped materially in the preparation of the following publications, which will be of value to many Louisiana librarians:

Abstract Bibliography of the Chemistry and Technology of Tung Products, 1875-1950, 2 vols. 1952. Compiled by Ralph W. Planck and Frank C. Pack, Southern Regional Research Laboratory and Dorothy B. Skau, New Orleans Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture Library. (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry). Available upon request.

Abstract Bibliography of the Chemistry and Technology of Peanuts, 1830-1939. 1949. Compiled by Nelle J. Morris and F. C. Dollear, Southern Regional Research Laboratory. (U. S. Dept. Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry). Available upon request.

The Louisiana Library Association Its History

By DEBORA ABRAMSON

Quite a volume might be written on the history of the Louisiana Library Association

if a detailed history were desirable, for at the Louisiana State Library the archives of

the group nearly fill two 4-drawer filing cabinets.

However, the chronicle of the early years was so delightfully presented by one who participated actively in the affairs leading to the establishment of the Association that we feel that those who were not privileged to hear her account as given in 1931 should have the advantage of reading what Miss Virginia Fairfax, of Covington now, formerly of New Orleans, said:

HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

It has been suggested that I entitle this history "The old order changeth, giving place to new." In some respects I rejoice in the fact that the old order "changeth" but further rejoice in that the old members that are still carrying on have not changed and instead of "giving place to new" we old timers most sincerely annex them and delight to have them helping and working to carry out the ideals that we have held for long years.

The group that ties or bridges the gap of about twelve years—Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Elizabeth Ducros-Shannon of Newcomb College, Miss Thornton of Alexandria Public Library, Miss Kopman of Louisiana College, Pineville, Miss Krause of Chicago and myself are still going strong. The others—all gone or as far as I can ascertain have left the State or lost interest in our work here.

This History, I must warn you at the outset, is to be an expurgated edition. I have only time to indicate the important accomplishments and changes that the years have brought about.

Way back yonder in the days of the 20th century Miss Louise B. Krause having come to Tulane full of energy and knowledge from that fount of knowledge, the University of Illinois Library School, suggested the formation of a Library Club in New Orleans which when organized elected Miss Krause as President. She would be delighted to tell you some of her amusing experiences, especially of how the Club entertained the

famous children's librarian, Caroline M. Hewens of Connecticut who, invited by the President, came all dolled up with a long black satin train and jet trimmings, prepared, no doubt, to talk to a large and interested group of librarians, but found herself in the parlor of a private residence with about a half dozen women, and one, a school teacher, who talked so continuously Miss Hewens scarcely was able to get in a word.

This little Club, nevertheless, was the forerunner of the Louisiana State Library Association. The last piece of work of the Club was the compilation of the "Handbook of Louisiana Libraries," dated 1909. Mr. Webb of Tulane has a stock of these on hand and some of the older libraries in the state might be glad to secure a copy and to find the picture of their library therein and history of their early days.

It was in correspondence with the various librarians and trustees of libraries in the state for the compilation of the "Handbook" that Miss Krause received a letter from Mr. George Hathaway, then Mayor of Jennings and member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Library there, who suggested that a State Association be formed. This idea was immediately acted upon and preparations were going on when Miss Krause left Tulane and New Orleans in 1909 and turned over the project to Miss Helen Dodd as the next and most important effort of the New Orleans Library Club.

Miss Dodd succeeded Miss Krause at Tulane, also as President of the Library Club, and vigorously went ahead with preparations for the organization of the State Association.

Chalmers Hadley was then Secretary of the American Library Association and was invited to come to New Orleans and help put the idea across. This was in the fall of 1909, to be exact December 10-11, 1909, were the dates of the meetings which proved two very interesting days. In fact there are incidents connected with this meeting that are still fresh in the memory of some of the old timers. Mrs. Harvey will delight in telling you of these.

LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Meetings	Dates	Place of Meeting	Presiding Officer
	Dec. 10, 1909	New Orleans	Hon. George Hathaway, Jennings
	Apr. 29, 1910	Alexandria	Special meeting—no officers elected
	Apr. 21-22, 1911	Baton Rouge	Mr. William Beer, New Orleans
	Apr. 11-12, 1913	Donaldsonville	Mr. J. R. Thornton, Alexandria
<i>Meetings After Reorganization</i>			
1st	Apr. 6, 1925	Shreveport	Dr. E. L. Stephens, Lafayette
2nd	Jan. 6-7, 1926	Lafayette	Dr. E. L. Stephens, Lafayette
3rd	Apr. 25-26, 1927	Alexandria	Dr. E. L. Stephens, Lafayette
4th	Oct. 21-Nov. 3, 1928	Baton Rouge	Mrs. Lois White Henderson, Shreveport
5th	Apr. 18-19, 1929	New Orleans	Miss E. M. Culver, Baton Rouge
6th	May 1-2, 1930	Monroe	Mr. Robert J. Usher, New Orleans
7th	Apr. 30-May 1, 1931	Lake Charles	Miss Lois F. Shortess, Baton Rouge
8th	Apr. 25-30, 1932	New Orleans	Mrs. Carl S. Bauman, New Orleans
	1933	No Meeting	
9th	Apr. 20-21, 1934	Baton Rouge	Mrs. L. Williamson, Monroe
10th	Apr. 11-12, 1935	Baton Rouge	Mr. J. O. Modisette, Jennings
11th	Mar. 26-28, 1936	New Orleans	Mr. J. O. Modisette, Jennings
12th	Apr. 22-24, 1937	Shreveport	Miss Mary W. Harris, Minden
13th	Apr. 7-9, 1938	Alexandria	Mr. James A. McMillen, Baton Rouge
14th	Apr. 27-29, 1939	Natchitoches	Miss Debora R. Abramson, Baton Rouge
15th	Apr. 25-27, 1940	Lafayette	Mrs. Ruth Baird, Minden
16th	May 1-3, 1941	Lake Charles	Miss Ella V. Aldrich, Baton Rouge
17th	Apr. 16-18, 1942	Monroe	Miss Florinell Francis, Baton Rouge
18th	Apr. 6, 1943	New Orleans	Miss Sallie Farrell, Baton Rouge
19th	Apr. 20, 1944	Baton Rouge	Miss Sallie Farrell, Baton Rouge
	1945	No Meeting	Cancelled by Office of Defense Transportation
20th	Mar. 29-30, 1946	Shreveport	Miss Loma Knighten, Lafayette
21st	Mar. 13-15, 1947	Alexandria	Miss Sue Hefley, Baton Rouge
22nd	Apr. 22-24, 1948	Monroe	Mr. J. H. Jacobs, New Orleans
23rd	Apr. 2-4, 1949	Lake Charles	Mr. Eugene P. Watson, Natchitoches
24th	Mar. 30-31, Apr. 1, 1950	Baton Rouge	Mr. W. D. Postell, New Orleans
25th	Apr. 12-14, 1951	Alexandria	Miss Frances Flanders, Monroe
26th	Mar. 13-15, 1952	Shreveport	Miss Evelyn Peters, New Orleans

Mr. Hathaway attended this meeting, also Judge Thornton with Mrs. Thornton and Miss Thornton from Alexandria and Miss Inez Mortland, Librarian of the Hill Memorial Library, Baton Rouge, were the only out of town prospective members that I recall. The opening meeting was held in Gibson Hall, Tulane University, an evening meeting in the little auditorium of the Public Library and the closing meeting in the newly drawing room of one of the old Newcomb College buildings.

Besides Mr. Hadley and Mr. Hathaway, I remember Miss Eleanor McMains of Kingsley House, New Orleans, was a speaker, also Judge Thornton, Trustee of the Carnegie Library, Alexandria, who presented and urged the advantage that the proposed Association would be to library interests in our state.

Mr. Hathaway was elected President, Miss Dodd Secretary, Miss Mortland first Vice-President, Mrs. Thornton second Vice-President, and Jane Grey Rogers, Librarian of Tulane Medical Library, Trustee.

On April 21-22, 1911, the Association met at Baton Rouge. This was a very successful meeting. President Boyd and several members of the faculty of L. S. U. were particularly helpful, especially is recalled Mr. Fleming then occupying the chair of history.

One of the activities proposed was to frame and have passed a Library bill. Any community or municipality wishing to take advantage of Mr. Carnegie's offer and to tax itself for library purposes was obliged to come before the legislature and get permission. The plan of the bill was permissive only, allowing a municipality to tax itself without waiting for permission. Mr. L. A. Ducros, brother to Mrs. Elizabeth Ducros-Shannon of Newcomb College Library, was most helpful. He not only wrote the bill but gave his time and made every effort to see it through the legislature. There was considerable opposition to the bill, especially from the then head of the New Orleans Public Library, but after a visit to Baton Rouge by Miss Dodd and Mr. Ducros where they attended a meeting of the Educa-

tional Committee and interviewed several prominent officials and legislators, the bill was passed. The idea, Miss Dodd tells me, behind this bill was really publicity. The Association wished to stir up as much talk as possible since the ultimate goal was the creation of a State Commission.

Another work that was slowly coming about under the auspices of the Association was the establishment of "traveling libraries." Books were being gathered together at Tulane from various sources and some of the members of Miss Dodd's Library Science classes were pressed into service for pasting pockets, labeling books and packing boxes that had been made at Tulane. Miss Mary Dillard, daughter of Dr. James Dillard, then of Tulane, was Miss Dodd's most enthusiastic helper. I have found an old letterhead that reads—LOUISIANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, organized December 11, 1909. John R. Thornton, President, Alexandria. Minnie M. Bell, Vice-President, New Orleans. George Hathaway, Vice President, Jennings. Inez Mortland, Treasurer, Baton Rouge. Helen Wells Dodd, Secretary, New Orleans. Executive Committee—William Beer, New Orleans, John S. Thibaut, Donaldsonville.

These were the officers elected at this second meeting held in Alexandria, 1910.

The third meeting of the Association was held at Baton Rouge, 1911, and Mr. Beer of Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, was elected President. I know that Miss Dodd and Miss Mortland continued in their respective offices but have not been able to ascertain who the other officers were or any other details except that Mr. W. W. White presided at some of the sessions and was a very interested member at that time. The fourth meeting was held in Donaldsonville 1913. (Records in red book.)

Miss Dodd, who was the real "man behind the gun," left Tulane in January, 1914, to teach Library Science in the Washington Irving High School, New York, and after her departure the Association rapidly fell into a state of coma. The following year Miss Mortland resigned, married and went to Texas to live. I left New Orleans the

summer of 1913 and it is said that with the closing of the World War the Louisiana State Library Association was reported among the missing.

Miss Dodd raises the question of whether the present Association is a reorganization or continuation of the former L. S. L. A. or an entirely new organization. She noted that this Lake Charles meeting is called the seventh meeting. If it is a reorganization then this is the eleventh meeting.

We now come to Part 2 of our History. The War is over, peace has been declared but not among the remnants of the Louisiana State Library Association.

In 1918 the bill was passed creating the Library Commission. I believe it is called the County Free Library Law, Acts of 1918, No. 149. This was amended in 1920. This bill was again bitterly fought. It was sponsored and passed through the efforts of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs. I am glad to record here that Elizabeth West, then State Librarian of Texas, came to Baton Rouge to help frame that bill and put it through the Legislature.

Shortly after my return to New Orleans in 1921, Mrs. Harvey came to see me to tell me about the bill that had been passed and to discuss what might be the next move. She thought that since I had been exposed for several years to Miss Krause's vim and enthusiasms and to Chicago's peppy weather I should be just the one to get busy and "come to the aid of the party." We decided on a visit to Mr. Gill. Our hope was that he might interest himself in seeing that the provisions of the bill were carried out, a commission appointed and an experienced secretary engaged. On the contrary he did not believe a trained and experienced librarian could be found for the secretaryship and in fact was opposed to the whole idea. We were not very much discouraged. You know continual talking about a thing desired very often seems to bring it about. For several years however we almost thought that all we would ever get would be to listen to each other talk.

Dorothy Amann of Dallas came to New

Orleans during the Christmas holidays of 1922, and called on Mrs. Harvey who brought her to see me and there and then began our interest in the organization of the Southwestern Library Association. Our drive for members for both this and the A. L. A. during the next couple of years helped to create more interest and discussion in our needs for increased library facilities.

In the spring of 1923 we invited a group of librarians in New Orleans to meet at Mrs. Harvey's home to discuss the reorganization of the Louisiana State Library Association. There were present besides Mrs. Harvey and myself, Miss Bell and Mrs. Bowman of Tulane University Library, Jane Grey Rogers of the Tulane Medical Library, Mrs. Elizabeth Ducros-Shannon of Newcomb College Library and Mrs. Snodgrass of Newcomb School of Music, Mr. Beer of Howard Memorial, Mr. Gill of New Orleans Public Library, and Miss Emily Miller, then librarian of the Veterans Hospital, Algiers, now editor of Publications, A. L. A. Mr. Gill was asked to act as temporary chairman and Mrs. Harvey as secretary; a list of names and libraries was furnished him and it was decided to communicate at once with these people and propose a reorganization of the State Association and at the same time to submit a tentative Constitution and By-laws for their consideration. In November of this same year we started afresh. This time the interested members of this group met at Mrs. Bowman's home. Mrs. Bowman had learned in the meantime that Dr. Wyckoff of Tulane was interested in library development, so he was invited to join us and was requested to act as temporary chairman to carry out the original intentions. Mrs. Bowman was appointed acting Secretary.

During the summer of this same year, 1924, I was in Chicago doing some special work and while there had a long talk with Mr. Milam and Miss Bogle of A. L. A. regarding our problems. I mentioned these seemingly irrelevant incidents to show that Louisiana was becoming conscious of her lack of library facilities and that the problems and needs of Louisiana were being

brought to the attention of those in authority outside the State as well as to those within.

After this meeting with Dr. Wyckoff as Chairman matters began to take shape and on April 6, 1925, in Shreveport as the Library Section of the Louisiana State Conference for Social Betterment, the Louisiana Library Association was reorganized. The word State, you note, was dropped, a constitution and by-laws was adopted and officers elected. This was a very interesting time. Mr. Ferguson, then State Librarian of California was there in his office as President of the League of Library Commissions; Miss Shortess who had come to Southwestern Louisiana Institute the year before was present, Mrs. Bowman of Tulane, acting secretary Miss Doll and Miss McGinity of the New Orleans Public Library, Mrs. Henderson, of course, who had come to Shreveport Public Library in 1923, Dr. Wyckoff, President of the Special Betterment Conference and acting chairman of our group, Miss Katherine Hill of Baton Rouge, chairman of the Library Extension of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs and member of the Library Commission, Mrs. Carey Ellis of Rayville, Mrs. Ethel B. Bailey prominent club woman of Shreveport and myself, besides a large group of interested club and Social Betterment members who were eager to see or have the library movement go forward.

After the adoption of a constitution and by-laws the following officers were elected: Edwin L. Stephens, President of Southwestern Louisiana Institute, was elected president; Miss Shortess, Librarian, Southwestern, Secretary; Mrs. Henderson of Shreveport and Mrs. Harvey of Newcomb were the two Vice-Presidents and I was Treasurer. An interesting program had been prepared and the meeting was followed by a very delightful luncheon with those attending becoming the charter members of the Association.

The summer of this year, 1925, brought Miss Culver and then things really began to move.

The following January immediately after

the mid-winter meeting of the A. L. A. on hearing that Mr. Ferguson was returning home by way of New Orleans the Association invited and urged Miss Bogle, who also was coming Southward, to detour and come to Louisiana and a meeting of the Association would be called. We met in Lafayette January 6-7, 1926, and though a hurried call had been made we had an excellent attendance. Miss Bogle gave a most interesting talk as also did Mr. Ferguson. The Committee on Library Training, that is a committee that would endeavor to encourage and promote facilities for training within the State, that had been appointed but a few months before, consisting of Miss Culver and myself, reported at this meeting and were given much encouragement by Miss Bogle. I mention this report because the first objective of the newly organized Association was to promote training facilities for librarians within our State and endeavor to have appointed only trained librarians in the various libraries.

In the summer of 1926 we sustained what might have been an irreparable loss. Miss Lois Shortess left us and went to Michigan and since we have her back we forgive her the intervening years.

At the Atlantic City meeting of the A. L. A., members of the Louisiana Library Association held an informal meeting and elected Mrs. Henderson of Shreveport, Secretary, to fill the unexpired term of Miss Shortess.

In April, 1927, the Association met in Alexandria. Again we had the pleasure of having Mr. Ferguson with us. Also Carl Milam, Secretary of the A. L. A., and Miss Louise B. Krause of Chicago, really the godmother of the Association, who had always held the keenest interest in all library affairs in Louisiana, who had always been most helpful and who had continued her membership in the Association notwithstanding her long residence away from New Orleans. This was the year of the last big flood, rather I hope it is the last, and no one at Alexandria was very comfortable. We all, as it were, sat on the edge of our chairs and wondered how, if ever, we would get

back to our homes, instead of listening to the inspiring talks and papers being presented. I remember Mr. Milam did not enjoy recrossing the Atchafalaya River with the muddy waters lapping the wheels of the train. At this meeting Mr. Henderson of Shreveport was elected President.

We are reaching very modern history now and I shall close with a reminder of the splendid meeting of the Southwestern Library Association as guests of the Louisiana Library Association at Baton Rouge, November, 1928. You recall, of course, that we had the Executive Board of the A. L. A. with us and the chairmen of several important national committees and a very representative gathering from the various states making up the Southwestern Library Association.

Our Association next met in New Orleans, holding sessions at the New Orleans Public where the new regime under Mr. Moore gave us a most delightful time, then in Monroe and now we are most happy to be in Lake Charles from whence came some of the original enthusiasm for the organization of a State Association in the person of Miss Verona Keener, first Librarian of the Carnegie Public Library of Lake Charles.

(Paper read by Miss Virginia Fairfax at meeting of the Louisiana Library Association at Lake Charles, Louisiana, May 1, 1931.)

To resume the story where Miss Fairfax left off, the 1932 meeting was held in connection with the ALA meeting in New Orleans; at this time the Association numbered 199 members. Only one day was used for the transaction of business, but in this session interest was manifest in a Citizens' Library Movement seeking to enlist all types of persons in becoming conscious of what libraries mean.

There was no meeting in 1933, due to the funds of the Association being "frozen" in the banking situation of that time; the 1934 meeting held in Baton Rouge endorsed the statewide library program formulated by Mr. J. O. Modisette for presentation to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Guests of the meeting were Mr. Robert Lester of the Car-

negie Corporation, N.Y., Miss Clara E. Howard of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. J. O. Modisette presided at the 1935 meeting in Baton Rouge; Dr. Louis R. Wilson, Tommie Dora Barker and John Peale Bishop were guest speakers. Mr. Modisette was re-elected as president and the 1936 meeting was in New Orleans. It is interesting to note that at this meeting the Association had for discussion and approval the matters of a qualified librarian for the New Orleans Public Library, certification, and federal aid for libraries.

The 1937 meeting in Shreveport had as its theme "What of the Future?" and along with discussions of the school library, special, etc., for the first time in the Association's history, there was a paper on the future of libraries for Negroes in Louisiana. John Temple Graves II and Forrest B. Spaulding were the out-of-state speakers at the meeting, which was presided over by Mary W. Harris.

At Alexandria in 1938 under the presidency of Mr. James A. McMillen of LSU, the theme was "More and Better Libraries for Louisiana." Prominent among convention guests were Dr. Milton J. Ferguson, Chief Librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library and President-elect of ALA, Miss Nora Beust, Specialist in School Libraries, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D. C., Miss Julia Wright Merrill, ALA, and Dr. Theodore W. Koch, Librarian, Northwestern University. Louisiana library development in its various phases was the main topic of the speakers and sessions.

Chapter membership in ALA, Summaries of WPA Library Activities, Retirement for Librarians, and Library Training were among the topics discussed at the Natchitoches meeting in 1939.

A Pre-conference Institute was sponsored by the Louisiana Library Commission on "The Library and Public Relations" and held in Lafayette in 1940. It is interesting to find that at this meeting it was announced that a move was under way to obtain a union catalog for Louisiana, that a reception was held honoring Miss Essae Culver, the incoming 1940-41 president of the ALA, and

the matter of distribution of state documents was discussed.

In 1941 the Association met in Lake Charles with Miss Ella V. Aldrich presiding. For the first time the membership passed the 300 mark, and at this meeting it was decided that the Library Commission be the central depository for filing permanently all the records of the Association. Attention to school and college libraries was stressed by two prominent out-of-state guests, Mrs. Mary P. Douglas of North Carolina and Dr. Carl White, Director of Libraries, University of Illinois. Lyle Saxon, Roark Bradford, and James Street made a memorable affair of the annual book dinner. Mr. Ralph Ulveling of Detroit spoke on "The Local Library Part in National Defense."

Trends of the times were reflected in the 1942 activities of the Association. The Constitution Committee was authorized to make revisions to meet the needs of the Association due to growth; the College and Reference Section petitioned for sectional recognition and adopted a sectional constitution; reports on the Victory Book Campaign given at the meeting in Monroe indicated the activity of Association membership in this project. The Association in this year suffered the loss of a former president, Mr. J. O. Modisette, who was also a pioneer in library service for the people of Louisiana and Chairman of the Louisiana Library Commission for 15 years.

Among the outstanding guests of the 1942 meeting were Mrs. Frances Clark Sayers, Superintendent of Work with Children, New York Public Library, Mrs. H. C. Houghton, Jr., President, Iowa Library Association, Capt. Ray L. Trautman, Director of Army Library Service, and E. P. O'Donnell, Louisiana author.

The convention of 1943 took place in New Orleans, Sallie Farrell presiding due to the illness of Mrs. Olin D. Moore, president. It consisted of a Book Dinner and one day's meeting aside from an institute for Louisiana, Mississippi and Southern Arkansas.

In 1944 the theme of the Association was "Postwar Planning for Libraries" and the

Executive Board due to war conditions decided on a streamlined one-day program. At this meeting the idea of the Modisette Award Committee was discussed and the Committee authorized to formulate standards. It was in this year that Mr. Robert Usher died, one of the most active members of the Association and editor of its Bulletin for seven years.

No convention was held in 1945 due to the regulations of the Office of Defense Transportation, but in 1946, with over 350 members reported and 133 registered, a successful gathering took place in Shreveport. Such topics as state aid for libraries, new trends in library architecture, the school library of tomorrow, were discussed, and there was a large luncheon meeting of the Trustees' Section combined with the Citizens' Library Movement. Mr. Hodding Carter of the Delta Times-Democrat, Greenville, Miss., was the featured speaker at the Book Dinner.

Education for Librarianship, the Public Library Demonstration Bill, Unesco, Salary, Staff and Tenure of Library Personnel, were considered at the Alexandria meeting in 1947, and in 1948, in Monroe, the Louisiana author's award was initiated, as well as the first action on the part of the Association toward a building to house the Louisiana State Library. The first awards of the Modisette Committee were presented to Mrs. Max Schenker of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and to Miss Anna Davis of Southeastern Louisiana College at the Book Dinner. David L. Cohn was guest speaker.

In 1949 in Lake Charles the theme of the meeting was "Recruiting for Librarianship," and the activity of the Recruiting Committee under the chairmanship of Vivian Cazayoux resulted in the Association receiving second place in 1949, and 1950 first place, with an award of \$300 and the Field Citation of excellence in recruiting awarded by the American Library Association.

The highlight of the 1950 convention in Baton Rouge whose theme was "World Peace—Present and Future" was a luncheon sponsored by the Association and the Citi-

zens' Library Movement honoring the Louisiana State Library on its 25th anniversary.

Mr. John Hall Jacobs presided. Among the distinguished guests from out-of-state who came especially for the occasion to pay tribute to all who assisted in the development of the State Library Program were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lester of New York (Dr. Lester is Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation); Mr. Milton E. Lord, Librarian of the Boston Public Library and President of the American Library Association; Mr. Arthur Hamlin, Executive Secretary, Association of College and Reference Libraries, ALA; Mrs. Lois Rainer Green of Montgomery, Ala., Director of Public Library Service Division; and Mrs. Albert Storm of Monks Corner, S. C., who pioneered in 1920 for the Louisiana library laws.

In 1951 the Association celebrated its 25th anniversary with a luncheon at the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria. Dr. T. V. Smith, former congressman and Professor of Citizenship and Philosophy of Syracuse University, Raymond C. Lindquist, Librarian of Cuyahoga County Library, Cleveland, and Miss Virginia Kirkus, founder and director of the Virginia Kirkus Bookshop Service, New York City, were the guests who contributed to the program which dealt with "Libraries in a World of Tension."

As this is written no minutes are as yet available for the 1952 meeting, but it is hoped that this account of the Association from 1909 to date will be but the first chapter in a fine tale of library activity and accomplishment.

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New Orleans Public Library in the Twentieth Century

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The New Orleans Public Library takes exception to the maxim of great oaks, because like many another great and flourishing institution, it is the result of careful budding and grafting of many library units. One of the original plants dates back to 1843, to the far-sighted generosity of Abijah Fisk, who left his home on Customhouse (Iberville) and Bourbon streets to be used as a public library, the first in Louisiana. In 1847, Alvarez Fisk, brother of Abijah, purchased from Mr. Benjamin Franklin French the contents of his Commercial Library, a 6,000 volume collection which was used to supplement the Fisk Library. In 1853 the Fisk Library was housed and directed by the Mechanics Institute; later the University of Louisiana (now Tulane University) managed the library.

Meanwhile Samuel J. Peters, with other influential friends in the Second Municipality, agitated for and obtained a public library in 1844. This was, however, a subscription library with a fee of five dollars a year, and called the Public School Lyceum Library. It was supported by voluntary contributions from the public school students. It was housed in the Municipal Hall and came into being through a city ordinance.

On October 1, 1896, and January 1, 1897, these units were merged and the New Orleans Public Library was the official title for

these sturdy growths. This new and official library claimed 30,000 volumes. These were housed in St. Patrick's Hall on Camp street, and Mr. William Beer, librarian of the Howard Memorial Library, became the first "clerk"—O, horror—and Frank T. Howard was chairman of the library board.

On January 18, 1897, this new library was opened to the public for use of the periodical room which boasted 200 daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly periodicals. On March 15 the fiction collection was opened to the public and other departments opened for limited use. Mr. Howard's report of 1898 gives the book collection a boost to 35,243 volumes, and the gratifying revelation of 3,623 active borrowers who took books out of the library 43,176 times, and used the library for reference "probably 50 per diem." The City of Paris presented a 15 volume history of itself to the new library. Then, just to prove all public libraries are basically kin, we discover the city appropriation to be only \$6,999.69! Mr. Howard laments that the largest number of books in the collection were purchased before 1860 and presents the city with an estimated budget calling for \$12,000 plus the Fisk fund of \$3,000. And eight staff members are listed with total salaries of \$6,350.65. Mr. Howard pleads his case ably, stressing the need for non-fiction titles, for he says

that a good technical book in the hands of the artisan "adds more to the wealth of the city than 100 books of fiction in the hands of their wives and children."

In 1902 the Simon Hershheim heirs gave \$50,000, a magnificent sum, to the library, of which \$10,000 was to be used immediately for books and the remainder to be invested and the interest used for additional book purchases.

In 1905 Progress, disguised as usual, this time as the federal government, stepped in by purchasing the library site for a new post office building. The new landlord demanded possession by November, 1906, leaving the tenants with a good sized housing shortage. However, a private home at 1115 Prytania street (just a block from our present main building) was obtained and as Mr. Henry Gill points out, at considerable expense, the home was translated into a library. Happily, Andrew Carnegie was playing Johnny Appleseed in the library world at this time (and a most becoming and satisfying role it was) and the New Orleans Public Library received a \$275,000 grant for library buildings. The city mayor, Martin Behrman, obtained for the library board sites for a main library and three branches.

In 1906 we changed librarians also. Mr. Beer, at last labeled "librarian," resigned to devote his entire time to the Howard Memorial Library and Mr. Henry Gill accepted the appointment in May, 1906. Mr. Gill's first report in 1907 makes the hair-raising statement that the library is "wholly without a catalogue." There were nine separate "finding lists," and all the accessioning, classifying and shelf-listing was done by two ladies with the occasional help of a third person. Eleven new assistants were added to the staff; seven were sent to the branches (in 1908) and two in the newly established reference room and two in cataloging. Mr. Gill felt the lack of staff library training keenly and did not hesitate to express himself. He reports "frequent talks to arouse their [staff's] ambition"; during the summer he established a class of instruction and in November a trained library worker

conducted a class once a week for a six month period. Two of the staff were in New York; one studying cataloging, the other children's work.

On October 26, 1908, the new main library building was ready. This building was modeled after the Mars Ultor Temple in Rome, dedicated, unfortunately, to the god of war. The entire collection, 77,000 volumes, was moved in six days and not a book was lost. The new building, now sadly outgrown, was a dazzling sight with its pristine white columns topping the high steps, a copper dome gleaming in the sun. The steepness of those same 32 steps which are so discouraging to any but the very young scholar, is artlessly explained away with the statement that the building is placed well forward on the site so as to provide future extension in the rear. The stacks were three tiers, with glass floors, in what is now the adult fiction reading room. The elevator had stops at each tier level for book trucks. The rear of the building, now housing a large display case and a partitioned office for the assistant librarian, was the librarian's office and director's room. The office had plate glass doors, precursor of the picture window, through which the librarian commanded a view of public space—the view returned no doubt with equal interest by the public.

New Orleans being as she is, and the year perilously close to the yellow fever years, we note with considerable interest that Dr. O'Reilly of the city board of health sent daily notices of contagious disease sufferers to the library.

The Children's department was organized in November, 1908, when the library took up its new quarters. The rule, which we still follow, was that eighth graders and high school students were to use the adult collection. However, at that time, the assistant at the desk was asked to deny to a child any book harmful to him.

The three branches opened this year were the Royal, the Algiers and the Napoleon. These buildings also were built with the Carnegie grant, the books came from the

general fund, the sites were donated by the city. The branches had a complete open shelf system, the main library having only the first tier open. The branches used the Brown charging system, thus the borrower was not "troubled with the care of his card." Patrons were permitted a card at the main library and at one branch.

The Royal street branch was placed in the center of activity of the French section and was well stocked with French titles. The formal dedication was delivered in French by Professor Alcée Fortier. The Algiers branch satisfied the need for the across-the-river patrons, and the Napoleon branch was placed in a business section uptown, in the center of a small park. This elicits the sad statement, "Experience of one year has shown it a mistake to place a library in a small public park." Volunteer story tellers were a tremendous drawing card at all the branches.

In 1910 the old Boys High School, which had been so conveniently located a half block from the main library, was transferred to a large new building on Canal street and renamed for Warren Easton. This pointed up the now obvious need for a new branch library out Canal street. Carnegie funds for the building were again available and the Canal branch opened August 26, 1911. However, Mr. Gill deplors, in the 1913 report, that this merely transfers the book circulation from one unit to another and does not give any real increase. But circulation increase justified, in this same year, the new stack room for the main library, the "future extension in the rear," and the larger shelf capacity in all the branches.

By 1913 the pressing problem of library service for our colored citizens was assuaged by another Carnegie grant; this specifically for a building to house a library for Negroes. This branch, on Dryades and Philip streets, was opened in 1914 with 5,649 volumes. The branch was not completed until 1917, although it was in use since 1914. This branch was stocked for adults equally with children; the other branches emphasized the children's collection.

The report of 1920, a little more than twenty years of official life, shows a remarkable growth. The library consisted of six units instead of rooms in St. Patrick's Hall, the number of volumes had increased from 30,000 to 170,582 and was serving 21,531 active borrowers. And the city appropriation was only \$47,150.

The next ten years were ones of retrenchment. The system had grown rapidly. There were no more innovations; we merely ran very fast indeed to stay where we were. The annual plea for more money, for better qualified workers, seems to reach a new high in the 1916-1919 report. The government war work with salaries ranging from \$1000 to \$1200 enticed many library workers away; to meet this depletion the mayor secured an appropriation to raise staff salaries 30 percent and the librarian's 15 percent. But it was too late to save some departments. The entire catalog room staff had resigned.

The plea for more branches, even for part-time opening, at strategic points of the city shows an uncanny foresight into the future growth of the city. Mr. Gill's suggestions were closely parallel to the subsequent growth of the library system. He suggested a business branch (still our fondest hope), one uptown near Joseph and Prytania, one at Carrollton and Spruce; Esplanade and Rocheblave (the one error in judgment) and Rampart near Louisa street.

The staff instruction-training continued whenever feasible. A cadet system which required a three month apprenticeship (shades of Dr. Hutchins) was adopted in 1917, and the librarian jubilantly reported a Civil Service education requirement that an applicant shall have at least a high school certificate. But the difficulty of maintaining salaries to match educational requirements was seemingly insurmountable. A constant shifting of staff members in an attempt to give each a better over-all picture was much favored.

Library publicity through personal visits to business houses was encouraged. A branch on Carrollton avenue was urged

again each year. The Children's department, in 1922, began its most successful and far-reaching experiment—a school collection was begun, designed to be sent in lots to the public schools for several weeks at a time. The recataloging of the library was progressing nicely. In 1926 the entire main library book stacks were thrown open to the public, rather to the distress of the librarian who points out that the stacks were designed for a closed system. We note Mr. Gill's statement in a previous report that a "borrower can not only not find his book easily, but in most cases cannot find it at all." This apparent success of the library causes the librarian to report in 1925 "such wholesale addition of readers and the great increase of work . . . make us feel bitterly the inadequacy of the amount [of money] allotted us for maintenance." For in 1926 the per capita allotment was still under 20 cents. The following year, yielding at last to the plaintive urging of the librarian and civic groups, the city appropriated \$20,000 for purchasing a site and building a library in the Carrollton section.

Mr. Gill resigned in December, 1928, and Mr. Daniel D. Moore, a member of the board of directors, took over the task of administering the city library system. He persuaded the city to continue with the plans for a Carrollton branch. At last, on a site donated by Dr. James Nix and his brothers, the first (and only) library building built with city funds was dedicated on November 29, 1930. And this was the beginning of the great depression when all library facilities were taxed to the utmost by those seeking surcease of sorrow.

In 1932 the post of librarian again changed hands. Mr. Edward A. Parsons in March accepted the appointment of the mayor and a re-organized board of directors. During his term of service the library for the blind established an outlet here. A circulating picture file was established in the Children's department and a series of public lectures on literary subjects was instituted. Mr. Parsons resigned in June, 1935, following a survey made by the American Library

Association at the request of the library board. There was much public agitation for the improvements suggested in the survey and at last, Mr. Edmund Lee McGiveran, our first trained librarian, accepted the appointment effective December 1, 1936. Mr. Gill's oft repeated request for trained personnel had at last taken effect. During the interregnum one lady summed up the situation, unkindly and not too accurately—"we've had a book lover, a politician and a book collector, but never a trained librarian."

Mr. McGiveran, unfortunately, died just a little more than a year after his taking over the position as librarian. However, in the short time allotted him, he began the sweeping changes suggested by the investigating committee, bringing to his work such enormous energy that the staff was charged with renewed enthusiasm. His one report, submitted after his death by the chairman of the board, sums up the situation, "The book collections were sorely depleted and worn, library buildings and equipment were in need of care and repair, staff salaries were below a living wage, a good will of the public was yet to be won. . . ." Among changes made was moving the Children's department to the ground floor, which had been completely renovated and redecorated. The space thus vacated was turned into a greatly needed Adult Reading Room. A telephone service was provided at the Information Desk; the charging system was simplified; a reserve system for popular books was set up; registration procedures were revised and the guarantor, a thorn in the side of the public for many years, was abolished; a special book collection for Young Adults was begun; telephones were installed in all branches and branch hours were extended; a branch supervisor was appointed; professional training for staff members was encouraged; and best of all, a substantial increase in the city appropriation was promised.

The new energetic Board of Directors wasted no time in selecting a successor to Mr. McGiveran. Mr. John Hall Jacobs accepted the appointment as librarian and assumed his duties on July 15, 1938.

The new librarian was greeted by a completely cleaned and repainted main library. The reorganization program of Mr. McGivern was reviewed and adopted with few changes by Mr. Jacobs. A five year program was set up and thru frequent consultations with the Department Heads, the fever of growing and developing within organized borders spread thru the entire staff. Additional staff training was encouraged and many of the staff put in overtime hours to obtain academic degrees at the local universities. Specialists in cataloging and in book mending came to help reorganize those departments. All branches received much needed physical repair and the Department for the Blind, having outgrown its main library quarters many years, was transferred to the basement of Canal branch.

By 1940 the results of these labors were evident by great outward and visible signs. The first new branch (Alvar branch) in ten years was dedicated on November 6, and the long-wished-for Bookmobile service materialized with the loan of a Bookmobile from the Louisiana Library Commission. Outlying sections of this sprawling city were contacted by the library, in some cases for the first time. Known as the "Mountain to Mohamet" scheme, it was an immediate success. Finally, the generous bequest of Mrs. Norman Mayer of \$250,000 for library purposes seemed a fitting crown for the hard work of reorganization.

The WPA project contributions to the public library system were manifold. The mending department, the catalog room, the reference room, practically all departments benefited in some way. The project helped in the realization of Alvar branch; Canal branch, a gloomy building at best, was brightened by a mural across the entire back wall; the Bookmobile was manned by WPA people.

The Second World War gave impetus to the reorganization of the main library. Staffing two large adult departments for 12 hours a day was becoming more of a problem with the inevitable lure of gold in the form of war jobs. The consolidation in 1942, of

reference and circulation departments solved much of this problem: and the creation of a long needed order department simplified the work of all departments. The new adult department emphasized a telephone information service which was to prove so valuable thru the war years, and to become one of the best known of the library services.

Our 100 years anniversary came up during this war, consequently, ceremonies were minimized. Mr. Jacobs had accepted a commission in the United States Navy in April, 1943: Mr. George King Logan became acting librarian, and the remaining library staff, having lost so many to the armed services, renewed its efforts to man the home line defense.

With the end of the war and the return of the librarian in 1946, the temporarily shelved program of library expansion was again brought out. The first problem facing the librarian was the desperate need for another branch for Negroes. The Nora Navra branch, made possible by the bequest of a generous patron, first housed in a public school and later removed to a quonset hut, was the temporary but immediate answer. It was in 1946 also that the City Archives, due largely to urging by the Young Men's Business Club, was transferred to the public library. The housing of this vitally important storehouse of local history was partially solved by tearing out the little used auditorium in the basement of the main building and moving the bound newspapers (dating back to 1804) to this more accessible location. The city ordinances were left at the City Hall but were under the direct supervision of library personnel.

In 1948 the public library was once again the agreeable object of a private citizen's generosity. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latter bought one of the St. Charles avenue mansions and presented it, completely redecorated, in memory of their son, Milton H. Latter. This branch, besides being the most beautiful building in the system, is daily showing its usefulness in library service to the uptown section, and in providing once again a meeting room which may be used for the asking by civic groups. Most of the

Great Books groups, one of the many adult education projects encouraged and helped by the library, meet at Latter Library.

The Norman Mayer bequest, so long and thoughtfully considered by the librarian and the board members, was used in part to build a library branch in the Gentilly section. Opened in 1949, this branch, designed by the librarian, aroused considerable interest because of its simple and most effective V shape floor plan. This plan was borrowed by the Army for use in designing small libraries in occupied countries. As in the Alvar branch, the main floor is ground level and statistics prove its entrance irresistible to passers-by.

Additional service to the colored population of the city was made possible by the gift of a second bookmobile by the Community Volunteer Papertrouper in June, 1948. The bookmobile was stocked from the Dryades branch school collection. Its success was overwhelming.

One of Mr. Jacobs most cherished dreams, mentioned in his very first report, came true in 1949 with the opening of the LaHache music library—a phonograph record lending library made possible by a gift of money by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore V. Martinez, in honor of Mr. Martinez's grandfather, Theodore von LaHache, for whom the library is

named. This library is housed on the second floor of the Latter Library.

The registration system for the entire library was again overhauled and the unit card was adopted. For the first time a patron registered with the library might, with the presentation of a single card, borrow books from any of the various library units.

During 1951 the main library opened its doors to all borrowers, Negro and white. This was done with no fanfare or publicity, and the response was very gratifying indeed.

The New Orleans Public Library has, we think, grown up. We serve a community of over a half million persons, our circulation is well over a million, with a book collection of nearly 400,000 volumes, even though our per capita appropriation is still less than 50 cents. We have 15 units which include two bookmobiles. One of the original branches, Napoleon, is still one of the leaders in circulation, in spite of its being situated in a "small park," which speaks well for the original plans for the city library. We feel we are now and can continue to be the sort of public library Mr. Jacobs had in mind—" . . . public library is a symbol of the type of world we in this country believe in. . . . wars begin in the minds of men. It is equally true that peace begins there also."

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Mary Clay, Librarian, Northeast Louisiana State College, Monroe, was appointed chairman, Library Committee of the Louisiana Education Association, 1952. Other members are Evelyn Peters, New Orleans and Marvin Tanner, Bunkie. Miss Clay was re-elected state recording secretary of the American Association of University Women at

the April 1952 Conference in Baton Rouge. On May 3, 1952, members of the Louisiana Teen-Age Librarians Association and school librarian sponsors attended a regional meeting in the Northeast Louisiana State College Library. There was a total attendance of seventy-three representing nine parishes. The program was planned by Geneva Washburn,

librarian, *Neville High School Library*, *Monroe*, and *Mary Clay*. A movie on the *Ouachita Parish Public Library* with explanation of work of the public librarian was shown by *Frances Flanders*, Librarian.

According to *Mr. E. J. Sheerer*, Librarian, *Louisiana Tech*, *Ruston*, the *Prescott Memorial Library* has received a gift of eighteen books published by the *Hermitage Press*. These books were presented by *Ben Prescott*, New York publisher and son of the late *Arthur Taylor Prescott*, first president of *Louisiana Tech*.

Miss Olive Roberts, cataloger, *Northwestern State College*, *Natchitoches*, will attend the summer session of the *School of Library Science*, *Columbia University*; she will also participate in *Columbia's* pre-conference Institute on Subject Analysis of Library Materials. *Mr. Eugene Watson*, Librarian, *Northwestern State College*, attended the convention of the *Texas Library Association* in *Galveston* in April. *Mrs. Lucille Carnahan*, Librarian, *Natchitoches High School*, has enrolled for the summer session of the *University of Texas Library School*.

Norris McClellan, Associate Professor, *Library School*, *L.S.U.*, is teaching in the first six weeks term at the *University of North Carolina Library School*. After completing her work there, she goes to *Mexico City* to teach a course in Children's books, sponsored by the *Mexico City College*.

Mrs. Georgiana Greeson, Librarian, *Northwest Regional Library*, *Harrison*, *Arkansas*, and a June 1951 graduate of the *L. S. U. Library School* is the recipient of the *Mexico City College Scholarship* which was inaugurated in 1951 for graduates of the library schools in the states of the *Southwestern Library Association*. Recipient combines travel and study opportunities with experience in the *College Library*, the Librarian of which is *Alice Dugas*, an *L.S.U.* graduate formerly with *L.S.U.* and the *State Library*.

Mr. Charles Stone, Librarian, *Mercer University* and *Mrs. Katherine Moore*, Librarian, *Many High School*, are visiting members of the faculty of the *L.S.U. Library School*.

Janice Marion Rodriguez, Librarian, *Lutcher High School*, was married May 17 to *Glenn Bahm*. They will make their home near *Independence*, where she is to serve next year as high school librarian.

Alma Lee Clark received her M.S. Degree in Library Science at the June Commencement and begins immediately to serve as children's librarian, *Shreve Memorial Library*, *Shreveport*.

Mrs. Margaret Moser Landers, formerly with the *L.S.U. Library*, has moved to *South Carolina* to make her home.

Gertrude Minsk, formerly Librarian *Agriculture-Biology Library*, *L.S.U.*, married *Walter Lemann* in December, 1951, and is now making her home in *Baton Rouge*.

Mrs. Harriet Hardeman Callahan, at one time on the *L.S.U. Library* staff, has gone to *Germany* to join her husband.

Miss Grace Cameron, Librarian, *Chemistry Library*, *L.S.U.*, is recuperating from a broken hip at her home, 214 *St. Charles St.*, *Baton Rouge*.

In February a son was born to *Hortense* and *Theo McMullan* of the *L.S.U. Library* staff.

Mrs. Frances Cantwell, formerly Librarian, *Education Library*, *L.S.U.*, has a daughter born March 17, 1952.

Dr. Andrew J. Eaton, Associate Director of Libraries, *L.S.U.*, is to teach for six weeks at the summer session of the *University of North Carolina Library School*, *Chapel Hill*. *Ruth Walling*, Reference Librarian, *L.S.U.*, has moved into her new home on *Lee Drive*. *Miss Louise Ward* of *Biloxi*, *Mississippi*, is Librarian, *Education Library*, *L.S.U.* She received her M.L.S. from *Emory University*. Before coming to *L.S.U.* she was with the *Millsaps College Library*.

Vivian Cazayoux, Film Librarian, *Louisiana State Library*, sails from *New York* August 1 on the *S. S. Flandre* for a European tour. She plans to return in October. Accompanying her will be *Dora Beard*, member of the *Public Affairs Research Staff*. *Beth Durett*, *L.S.U. Library School* graduate of 1952, is working at the *Louisiana State Library* during the summer months in the absence of *Neomie DeRouen*, staff mem-

ber who is attending the summer session of the L.S.U. Library School. *Mary W. Harris*, Head Extension Department, *Louisiana State Library*, participated in the workshop directed by *Sue Hesley*, chairman, Library Extension and Children's Reading Committee at the annual convention of the Louisiana Parent Teacher Association in New Orleans in April. Members of the *Louisiana State Library* staff attending the annual conference of the American Library Association in New York were: *Essae M. Culver*, *Debora Abramson*, *Vivian Cazayoux*, and *Sallie Farrell*. *Mrs. George Lester*, former member of the State Library Board, was present also. *Sallie Farrell*, Field Representative, *Louisiana State Library*, testified on behalf of the Library Services Bill at hearings before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor in Washington on April 2, 1952.

Mrs. Bertha D. Hellum, Librarian, *Jefferson Parish Library*, *Gretna*, is resigning her position as of June 26, 1952, to take the position as Field Representative for the *California State Library*. She is to be succeeded by *Cleo Songy*, formerly Librarian, *Vermilion Parish Library*, *Abbeville*.

William C. Bennett joined the staff of the *Rapides Parish Library* as Assistant Librarian on May 15, 1952. He has recently received his Master's in Library Science at the University of Texas but will be remembered at L.S.U. where he received his B. S. in L. S. in 1939 and worked at the University Library. The *Rapides Parish Library* is at present using the Louisiana State Library Bookmobile which had been returned to them from Beauregard Parish. This bookmobile will be used until Gerstenslager rebuilds their own which was wrecked last Fall.

Mrs. Velma Lyons Clarke, cataloger, *Calcasieu Parish Library*, will move to Houston, Texas, on June 1, 1952. *Helen Kendall*, Librarian, *Westlake High School*, will assume *Mrs. Clarke's* position June 15, 1952. *Mrs. Alice Seymour* resigned from the *Calcasieu Parish Library* staff April 15, 1952. *Mrs. Leo Koonce*, *Iowa Branch* Assistant, is now bookmobile assistant and driver. *Emily*

Spencer, Librarian, *Calcasieu Parish Library* will attend the ALA Convention in New York City. On the way back she will spend her vacation at her home on Signal Mt., Tennessee.

Catherine O'Toole, formerly Librarian, *Pointe Coupee Parish Library*, *New Roads* is now with the *San Antonio Public Library*, *San Antonio, Texas*. *Janet Campbell* is serving until July 1, 1952, as acting Librarian, *Pointe Coupee Parish Library*.

On May 24, 1952, Open House was held at the new *Lake Charles Public Library*. Among the out-of-town visitors were a number of Louisiana and Texas librarians. All but two of the Library's past librarians were present.

Jeanne Pavy, formerly with the *Iberia Parish Library*, *New Iberia*, is now Librarian, *Vermilion Parish Library*, *Abbeville*. *Joan Clary*, a graduate of the University of Alabama, has been appointed assistant librarian, *Vermilion Parish Library* effective August 1, 1952.

Mrs. Ira Hall, circulation desk assistant, *Alexandria Public Library*, *Alexandria*, is on leave of absence. Her place has been filled first by *Mrs. J. C. Hardy* and secondly by *Mrs. P. T. Haworth*.

Mrs. R. A. Roper (Thelma Johnson) recently joined the staff of the *Tangipahoa Parish Library* as custodian of the *Kentwood Branch*. *Mrs. Roper* holds a B.L.S. from L.S.U. and was at one time on the staff of the Louisiana State Library. Also joining the staff of the *Tangipahoa Parish Library* is *Mrs. Bertie Jane Kilpatrick*, a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana College with a minor in Library Science.

Mrs. Margaret Gueymard, Assistant Librarian, *East Baton Rouge Parish Library*, was chairman for the Inaugural Dance which was sponsored by the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. The East Baton Rouge Parish Library's summer reading program started June 2, 1952.

Miss Bess Vaughn, Librarian, *Shreve Memorial Library*, is on leave of absence for three months to do research on Louisiana history in Paris. She expects to be back in New York in time for the ALA Convention.

Inez Boone, Assistant Librarian, Shreve Memorial Library, will also attend the ALA convention in July. *Eleanor Hollis*, reference Librarian at Shreve, has resigned to accept a position at the *Louisiana College Library*.

Frances Flanders, Librarian, *Ouachita Parish Public Library, Monroe*, has been elected Regent of the Fort Miro Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The tax which is the support of the Ouachita Parish Public Library was overwhelmingly renewed for a period of ten years by the citizens of Ouachita Parish on May 8. It passed by a majority of 30 to 1 in both property and popular vote. The film showing the activities of the Ouachita Parish Public Library was shown to more than 1,000 people during the period of the tax campaign. It had a great deal to do with the successful passage of the tax.

John Hall Jacobs, Librarian, *New Orleans Public Library*, reports that Dr. Edmond Souchon's gift collection of jazz records has been organized and cataloged. Located on the second floor of the *Milton H. Latter Memorial Library*, it was opened for reference use on May 19. Over two thousand records are in the collection, which is said to be the largest public collection of its kind in the world. Included are not only items of New Orleans interest but also Jazz and folk music from Africa, Haiti, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Java, Sumatra, Bali, and Malaya. An art department has been instituted at the Milton H. Latter Memorial Library, through the generous interest of *Mrs. Martha Gasquet Westfeldt*. Mrs. Westfeldt has presented the New Orleans Public Library with her collection of Chinese and Persian ceramics her related collection of books, and a special fund to institute a circulating print collection. Prints of paintings of the last hundred years were ordered in the late Spring, and some forty or fifty will be framed and ready for circulation by early summer. The New Orleans Public Library participated in a leader training program of the Great Books Foundation. About fifty people enrolled in the course, in preparation for launching the sixth year of the New Orleans program in September. Participating

in the Library's weekly Teen-age Book Review over WDSU-TV were *Robert Tallant*, *John Chase*, *Evelyn Peters*, *John Hall Jacobs*, and *Mrs. Edwin Blum*, PTA chairman of the program. Occasion was May 15, when the book reviewed was Louisiana Literary Award winner "The Pirate Lafitte and the Battle of New Orleans." A public reception for New Orleans authors by the New Orleans Public Library and the American Association of University Women was held at the *Milton H. Latter Memorial Library* Sunday, May 11, with some eighty authors as guests of honor and approximately a thousand visitors. Special printed "certificates of merit" were awarded by the mayor to each author and a special display of local books was arranged by the Library documents and records has been set up by the New Orleans Public Library, with a special appropriation of \$15,000.00. The Library's Archives Department will have charge of the project, and it is anticipated that records of the Library and other city departments will be placed on film. The New Orleans Public Library has placed an order for a new Gerstenslager Bookmobile. Two branch librarians of *New Orleans* received University degrees in May; *Miss Anna Mae McCurdy*, librarian of the *Mayer Gentilly Library*, from Tulane, and *Miss Anita Johnson*, Librarian of the *Dryades Branch Library*, from Xavier. Librarian *John Hall Jacobs* is teaching at the summer school session of the *University of Illinois* *Joan Selen-gut*, graduate of the University of Florida, is a newcomer to the Adult Department Circulation—Registration Desk. She took the place of *Mrs. Jean Brown*, who resigned to return to Monroe.

Book Review

The Golden Age of the New Orleans Theater by John S. Kendall. Louisiana State University Press, c1952. \$8.00

John Smith Kendall, who has given birth to a three pound, six hundred and twenty-four page tome, was born in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, April 9, 1874. He began his

career, as a reporter, on the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, in 1891. He later became literary critic, then Spanish American war correspondent and finally editor of the *Picayune* magazine section. In 1914, he changed his field of endeavor to teaching Spanish at Tulane University. He became associate professor in 1918, professor in 1929, and has been emeritus professor since 1939. Mr. Kendall has written a guide to New Orleans, a "History of New Orleans," "Recollections of a Confederate Officer," and many magazine articles.

While Mr. Kendall was working as a journalist, he was thrown into intimate contact with many veterans of the New Orleans stage. Because so many of these old timers were taking their stories to the grave, Mr. Kendall decided to gather all the stories he could before it became impossible to get them "first hand."

In the preface to "The Golden Age of the New Orleans Theater," the author states that a book ought to be read and that he has striven to make his narrative attractive to the general reader as well as useful to the scholar and historian. Most readers will agree that the book is attractive, scholarly and historical, but not one to be consumed in a short period of time.

New Orleans came into being in 1718. The New Orleans theater came into being in 1791. Mr. Kendall's *Golden Age* covers approximately the period between 1800-1900.

The author faithfully follows his journalistic teachings. He gives, *who, what, why, when, and where* of theater buildings; architecture, interiors, cost, locations and use; owners and renters; painter of scenes and backdrops; actors, actresses, other performers and animals; names of all plays, operas, special (before and after the play) selections; salaries of actors and costs of admission; star and stock company differences; history of New Orleans; some history of the United States; causes and reasons for good and bad theater seasons; and biographical and critical excerpts from newspaper

accounts of actors and plays. (Page William Faulkner.)

The reader may feel that Mr. Kendall has collected and put into chronological order, all the theater programs for a century, placed them in a stack, then from each, systematically gleaned every detail. In between descriptions, he brings out entertaining human interest stories. The general reader may wish to skip some of the details to get to these "ad lib" parts, such as the description of one of the most admired sets of the early theater. In this "the stage was completely flooded with water, across which a Greek galley fully eight feet long sailed majestically." In another play, the actors "not content with quarreling behind the scene, transferred their dispute to the stage, rushing on to explain his side to the audience. . . . The audience very properly hissed them both from the scene." One very interesting item concerned a very gifted nine-year-old girl who took the part of a deaf woman eighty years old. Some intriguing tales are told about famous actors and actresses such as: Lotta Crabtree, Lola Montez, Sarah Bernhardt, Edwin Booth, John Wilkes Booth, Jenny Lind, Joseph Jefferson, Charlotte Cushman, and many others.

It is miraculous that so much material was available for this book. The theater and other epidemics occurred almost as frequently. The Civil War and corrupt politics took their toll. In spite of all these catastrophes, Mr. Kendall has furnished the reading public with as complete a book as possible on the *Golden Age of the Theater in New Orleans*.

Anyone knowing as little about the theater, as is the case of this reviewer, might prefer the stories and anecdotes as the main part of the book—with lists of actors, actresses, plays, etc., as appendixes. Each story in itself has promise of a theme or plot for a full length novel.

EMILY L. SPENCER
Calcasieu Parish Librarian
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Gift to Howard-Tilton

One of Louisiana's better known private book collections, consisting of more than 3,000 volumes, has been presented to the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library at Tulane University.

The collection was bequested to Tulane by the will of the late Mrs. Mary Thomas Duncan of Alexandria, La., and was assembled by Mrs. Duncan's late first husband, G. Purnell Whittington, Alexandria attorney and amateur historian and historical writer.

Presentation was made by Herman J. Duncan, Sr., at the bequest of his late wife.

The collection consists primarily of his-

torical and legal materials and is especially strong in Louisiana and Southern historical volumes. It includes early Louisiana and Southern biographies and journals, complete files of several outstanding historical journals, and many standard works on regional history.

Of special interest is a letter from Edward Livingston, noted Louisiana statesman of the 19th century; several volumes of newspapers published at Alexandria during the Civil War; and original early 19th century legal treatises and manuscripts of Southern historical interest.

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- Abbott, Edith R., Head, Catalog Dept., East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Baton Rouge.
 Abramson, Debora R., Ass't. State Librarian, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge.
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 Acklin, Bettye O., Branch Assistant, Claiborne Parish Library, Homer.
 Adams, Mrs. C. R., Board Member, Franklin Parish Library, Winnsboro.
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 Allen, Lois J., Fair Park High School Library, Shreveport.
 Alston, Mrs. Mary H., Graduate Ass't., Hill Memorial Library, LSU, Baton Rouge.
 Andrus, Joslyn J., Secretary, Jefferson Parish Library, Gretna.
 Anzalone, Virginia R., Director, Schools Materials Center, Tangipahoa Parish, Amite.
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 Bacon, Fulton, Board Member, Evangeline Parish Library, Ville Platte.
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 Blackwell, W. T., Trustee, Morehouse Parish Library, Bastrop.
 Blake, Mildred Dennis, Sr., Lib. Ass't., Queensborough Branch, Shreveport.

- Bogan, Myrta F., Teacher-Librarian, Castor School Library, Castor.
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- Boone, Inez, Assistant Librarian, Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport.
- Boone, Mrs. L. A., Branch Assistant, Winn Parish Library, Winnfield.
- Borne, L. A., Trustee, Lafourche Parish Library, Thibodaux.
- Bossier Parish Library, Benton.
- Bowie, Esther K., Librarian, Warren Easton High School, New Orleans.
- Boyd, Jesse, Trustee, Rapides Parish Library, Alexandria.
- Brackin, James J., Trustee, Avoyelles Parish Library, Marksville.
- Bradford, Katie M., Librarian, Columbia High School, Columbia.
- Breeden, J. M., Trustee, Tangipahoa Parish Library, Amite.
- Brett, Doris Irene, Librarian, Linwood Jr. High, Shreveport.
- Brock, Eloise, Librarian, Natchitoches Parish Library, Natchitoches.
- Brooks, Claude M., Librarian, Agricultural Extension Service, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
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- Calzada, Helen Ernestine, Clerical Supervisor, Jefferson Parish Library, Gretna.
- Cameron, Grace Rigby, Librarian, Chemistry Library, L.S.U., Baton Rouge.
- Cammack, Mrs. Beatrice T., Jena.
- Cammack, Elizabeth, Parish Librarian, Iberia Parish Library, New Iberia.
- Camp, Mabel, Librarian, Haynesville High School, Haynesville.
- Camp, Thomas Edward, Assistant in Binding, Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge.
- Campbell, David Janet, Librarian, Independence High School, Independence.
- Campbell, Mrs. Ruth, Librarian, Louisiana Collection, L.S.U. Library, Baton Rouge.
- Carlisle, Mrs. Ovelia A., Librarian, Pioneer High School, Pioneer.
- Carnahan, Lucille T., Instructor of library science, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches.
- Carstens, Jane Ellen, Assistant Librarian, Hamilton Training School, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette.
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- Catlett, Patricia G., Ass't. Libn., Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, Louisiana.
- Causey, Mrs. Mildred A., Bookmobile Assistant, Claiborne Parish Library, Homer.
- Cazayoux, Vivian B., Film Librarian, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge.
- Cerniglia, Marilyn Dorothy, Clerk, Jefferson Parish Library, Gretna.
- Chalettier, Branca Oliver, Branch Assistant, St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington.
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- Clark, Ruth, Librarian, Lake Charles High School, Lake Charles.
- Clay, Alice, Librarian, Sunset High School, Sunset.
- Clay, Mary Harrison, Librarian, Northeast Louisiana State College, Monroe.
- Clay, Mrs. Maude Oakland, Director, SCAP CIE Information Center, Ishikawa Area.
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- Collins, Mary E., Cataloger, Iberia Parish Library, New Iberia.
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- Colmer, Mary White, Catalog Librarian, Hill Memorial Library, L.S.U., Baton Rouge.
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- Constabaris, Mary, Junior Cataloger, Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge.
- Cook, Mrs. Ora Scott, Librarian, Oakdale High School, Oakdale.
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- Cooper, Lola, Director of Extension, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Baton Rouge.
- Cormier, Mrs. Evelyn S., Librarian, Martin Behrman High School, New Orleans.
- Corrigan, (Mother) H., Librarian, College of Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau.
- Couch, A. A., Trustee, Claiborne Parish Library, Homer.
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 Duke, Julia L., Circulation Libn., Northwestern State College, Natchitoches.
 Duke, Mrs. Winfred H., Assistant Librarian, Natchitoches Parish Library, Natchitoches.
 Duncan, Norma Mayo, Reference Libn., L.S.U. Law Library, Baton Rouge.
 Dunn, Mrs. M. D., Jr., Branch Ass't., Webster Parish Library, Minden.
 Dupuis, Bridget, Librarian, Litcher High School, Litcher.
 Durand, Norma, Head Cataloger, Southwestern Library, Lafayette.
 Durrett, Mabel Ruth, Librarian, Hamilton Terrace Jr. High School, Shreveport.
 Dykes, Helen Theresa, Librarian, Washington Parish Library, Franklinton.
 Dyson, Ann Jane, Reference, L.S.U., Baton Rouge.
 Dyson, James W., Librarian, Loyola University Library, New Orleans.
 Earnest, W. C., Jr., Trustee, Avoyelles Parish Library, Marksville.
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 Ebeling, Floretta Claire, Cataloger, New Orleans Public Library.
 Edwards, Charlotte Colley, Branch Mgr., Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport.
 Eidson, Mary Ann, Librarian, Louisiana State University Library School, Baton Rouge.
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 Elliott, Bessie C., Acting Librarian, Sabine Parish Library, Many.
 Ellis, Carey J. Jr., Trustee, Richland Parish Library, Rayville.
 Elston, Mamie Elizabeth, Librarian, Broadmoor Junior High School, Shreveport.
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 Enloe, James T., Trustee, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge.
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 Farrell, Sallie J., Field Representative, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge.
 Farris, Bob, Trustee, Tangipahoa Parish Library, Amite.
 Faulk, Ella Lee, Librarian, Jennings Public Library, Jennings.
 Feazel, Ouida E., Jr. Library Ass't., Queensborough Branch Library, Shreveport.
 Ferguson, George Rose, Librarian, Beauregard Parish Library, DeRidder.
 Ferraro, Hilda Fuller, Librarian, Agriculture-Biology Library, L.S.U., Baton Rouge.
 Fisher, Mrs. Louise R., New Iberia.
 Flanders, Frances V., Librarian, Ouachita Parish Public Library, Monroe.
 Floyd, Nan, Assistant Librarian, Byrd High School, Shreveport.
 Follett, Charles, Salesman, Memphis, Tenn.
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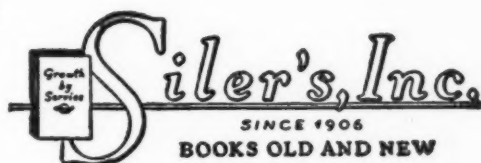
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